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### LATEST REPARATIONS LULL.

FRONTIER CLOSED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, August 16.

A message from Mayence says the Inter-Allied Commission has decided that the frontier between occupied and unoccupied Germany which should be opened to-morrow shall remain closed indefinitely.

### FRENCH REPLY.

PARIS, August 16.

The French reply to the British note will not be confined to a detailed answer but will contain a general statement of the French policy on reparations.

### HOPEFUL.

PARIS, August 16.

M. Albert Thomas, interviewed, said that he obtained the impression from a day spent in the lobbies of the Reichstag that new Franco-German negotiations were possible.

LONDON, August 16.

Foreign exchanges were again quiet. French francs were quoted at 82.85 and marks at 17,000,000/19,000,000.

### SABOTAGE CONSPIRACY.

AIX LA CHAPPELLE, August 16.

Belgian military police arrested fifteen persons and searched their houses where they discovered bombs, revolvers, daggers and bludgeons, and documents relating to the organisation of sabotage. The authorities have instituted curfew in the Aix zone.

### MISSING NOTHING.

PARIS, August 16.

Following a majority vote from which the British delegate abstained, the reparations commission has sent a letter to the German Government with reference to the issue of the gold loan, pointing out its right under the Treaty of Versailles to priority to any funds assignable by the German Government to the payment of interest of the repayment of the capital, particularly if the extraordinary receipt itself is not applied to the discharge of reparation annuities.

### TOWN PENALISED.

DUISBURG, August 16.

The town has been fined \$187,000 penalty for the attack on the troop train mentioned on June 30.

HAMBURG, August 16.

The dockers have resumed work.

BERLIN, August 16.

The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung has been suspended for three days, presumably for recently violently attacking the Chancellor, Herr Stresemann.

### GUNBOAT SEIZED.

### DAMAGED CANAL PENALTY.

RESERVISTS DETAINED.

WASHINGTON, August 16.

The Canadian authorities have seized the United States gunboat "Gopher" with the Ohio naval reservists on board for damaging the lock of the Wellan Canal.

The reservists were detained several hours before being released. Efforts are being made for the liberation of the gunboat in order that the cruise may continue.

### MIGHTY FALLEN.

### GENERAL BARRED.

NEW YORK, August 16.

General Loukomsky, former Chief of Staff of the Russian Monarchist Army, who arrived here with his family on board the "President Wilson" was not permitted to land as the Russian quota is exhausted.

### NEEDY GHOSTS.

### ANCIENT CHINESE CUSTOM.

COINS THROWN INTO STREET.

DANGERS TO LIFE AND LIMB.

Commencing to-day and lasting till the 25th inst. is the annual period in which the Chinese render burnt offerings to their dead. Each household or shop chooses one day in the period for the ceremony. Between five and seven in the evening, the offerings will be brought into the street and burnt. Immediately after this, copper coins will be thrown into the street, the belief being that they will reach the departed souls who require money to spend. The result is that crowds of street vendors wait for the bigger houses and shops, ready for the "fun" to begin. Their Wallingford tactics render them oblivious

to the dangers of making a rugby scrum in the public streets.

Piles of young half-naked bodies will be seen writhing and struggling to gain possession of a few cents or cash. Motor-traffic and rickshaws are held up until the funds are exhausted when the arabs make off to another hunting-field. The dangers attached to this custom cannot be too strongly stressed. They have been mentioned nearly every year in the vernacular press but little seems to have been done to put a stop to this dangerous practice. There is another danger which may not have been noticed, which is that people who throw money sometimes leave the coins into the blazing heaps of offerings and boys have been seen to dive into the fire without the slightest hesitation. What satisfaction the people who do this get can only be imagined but save people will agree that encouraging boys who do not know better, to burn themselves for a few paltry cash, is cruel in the extreme.

### SOVIET AND CHINA.

### NEW BOLSHEVIK LEADER AT HARBIN.

PEKING, August 16.

M. Karakhan, the successor to M. Joffe as head of the Soviet Mission to China, arrived at Harbin on the 13th inst. with his wife and a large staff.

M. Karakhan was met by the high Chinese officials, representatives of the Chinese Eastern Railway Administration, and delegations from the democratic Russian organisation. M. Karakhan was entertained at a banquet by General Ma. (Courtesy Daily Bulletin.)

The question of interfering with Chinese customs will assuredly arise if the worshipping is interfered with. This is not necessary, all that is required is a ban of the throwing of coins in the streets.

## GRAVE ERROR.

### CAPTAIN'S OVER-CONFIDENCE

"MARVALE" INQUIRY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 16.

The Court of Inquiry into the loss of the Canadian Pacific liner "Marvale" found that the casualty was due to a grave error of judgment on the Captain's part owing to over-confidence regarding the position of the vessel.

Nevertheless the Captain is not censured.

### QUICK WORK.

The court expressed appreciation of the very efficient manner in which the passengers and crew were taken off the wreck and expressed the opinion that this was one indication of the general efficiency with which the vessel was commanded.

The Canadian Pacific liner "Marvale" struck Cape Frezel rock in a fog, twenty miles westward of Cape Race on May 22, and sank in seven fathoms. She is now lying with her boat deck awash, a mile from Cape Pine. All the passengers, numbering 436, were safely landed.

### ELLIS ISLAND.

### BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S REPORT.

AMERICAN COMMENT.

NEW YORK, August 17.

Most the leading newspapers comment favourably on the Geddes report.

The Tribune considers it fair and helpful. Sir Auckland Geddes, it says, has not exaggerated the facts which are ugly enough to call for prompt action by Congress.

The World declares that the report is a model of its kind and it is impossible to deny his charges which are justified.

The Times, while agreeing that the report gives a fair description of conditions in December, mildly questions the propriety of a foreign Ambassador suggesting remedies in a matter of purely internal American administration.

### MASTERLY TENNIS.

### DAVIS CUP FINALS.

SOME BRILLIANT PLAY.

BOSTON, August 16.

At the opening of the Davis Cup finals Anderson (Australia) beat Lacoste (France) 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.

BOSTON, August 16.

In the singles Hawkes (Australia) beat Brugnon (France) 6-2, 6-1, 7-5.

LATER.

Lacoste opened nervously. Subsequently he showed up prominently. Anderson was superb, particularly with his smashing service and quick returns.

Hawkes started briskly and played masterly tennis throughout. Brugnon was erratic, though he showed flashes of brilliance.

### CAPTAIN'S RESOURCE.

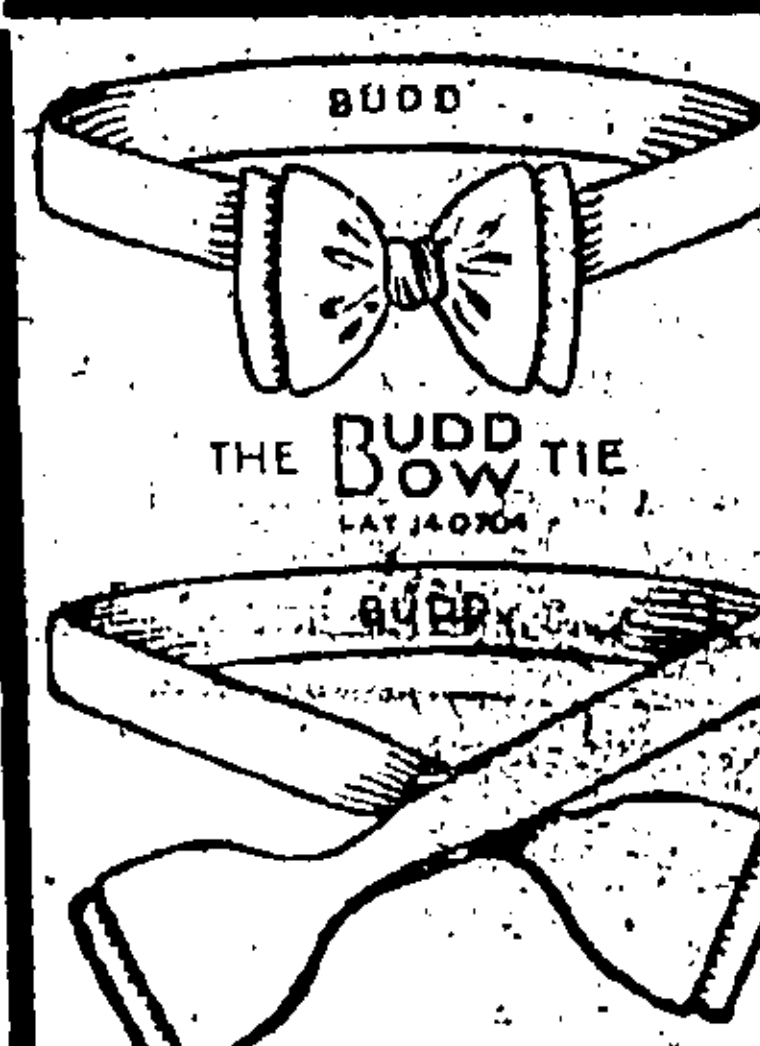
### STEAMER COLLISION EXPEDIENT.

BLOCKING HOLE WITH BOW.

LONDON, August 16.

The escape of 15 passengers and 30 of the crew of the "Douglas" was due to the Captain of the "Artemisia" keeping his engines going and holding his bow in the hole while scantily attired people from the "Douglas" were pulled up on to the deck of the "Artemisia" with ropes.

The Isle of Man steamer "Douglas," when emerging from the dock at Liverpool, collided with the steamer "Artemisia" from Sourabaya. The "Douglas" was cut in half and sank in a few minutes. The crew and passengers were saved, one person being injured.



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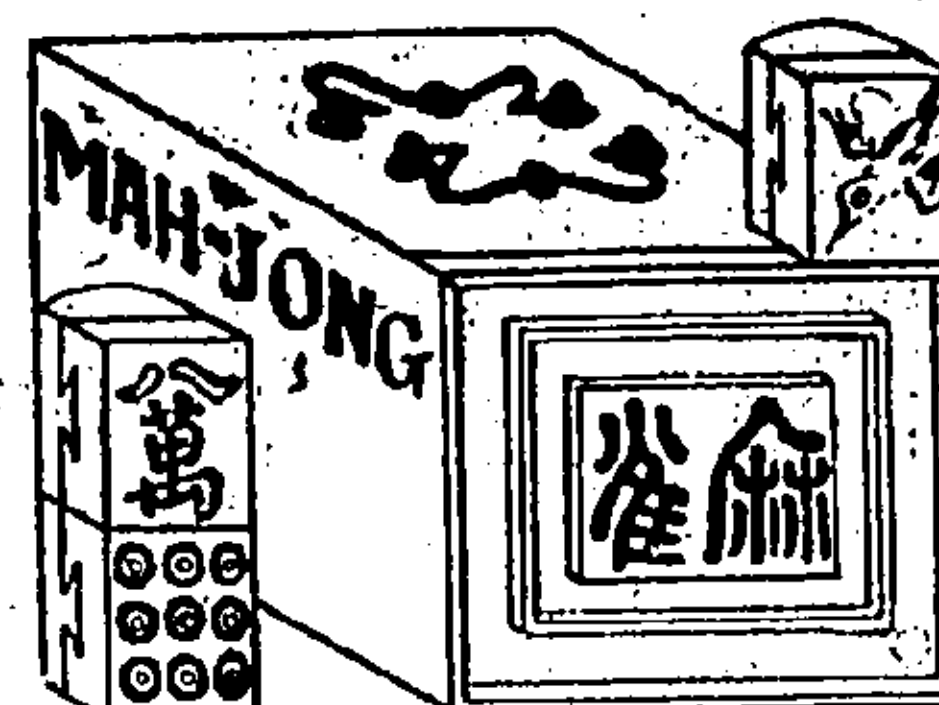
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## BIRTHS.

MERRILL.—On Sunday, August 5, 1923, at Shanghai to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Merrill, a daughter.  
BARRY.—On August 12, 1923, at Dr. Fearn's Sanatorium, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Barry, a daughter.

## DEATHS.

BATE.—On July 27, 1923, at Tsing-tao, accidentally drowned while bathing, Evelyn Beatrice Bate.  
FANG.—On August 7, 1923, at Shanghai, Miss Jannie Y. Fang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Fang, and fiancée of Mr. Jameson Y. Chang of the British Electrical and Engineering Co., Shanghai, of typhoid fever, aged 21 years.  
HERD.—On August 8, 1923, at Shanghai, Andrew Herd, aged 77 years.  
BETINES.—On August 9, 1923, at Shanghai, John Joseph Betines, aged 14 days.  
POND.—On August 9, 1923, at Shanghai, Alice F. Pond, widow of the late J. A. Pond, of Shanghai, and mother of A. H. Bosustow and K. E. Pond.  
ROSE.—On August 9, 1923, at Kensington, Kate Elizabeth Rose, in her 70th year.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUG. 17, 1923.

## THE MOST LEADER.

World events embracing the death of the head of a great country, the delivery of Diplomatic Demands to the Government of another, and the lengthy British Note to France, have helped to drive from our minds temporarily matters concerning Ireland. Now with the suddenness of a boxed up "Spring-heel jack" as suddenly released, the lost leader of a lost cause makes a dramatic reappearance on the stormy stage of politics, to exert as stage directions have it, with painful precipitancy. The only philosophy view to take is the one that both had to be made sooner or later. Eamon De Valera, pale and trembling, with head erect,

to be soon of course if they will be allowed to carry on their work of reconstruction. The dramatic reappearance of the stormy petrel of Irish affairs will add its own difficulties to the many that will have to be surmounted. The situation will need firm handling and we doubt not that it will receive that treatment. De Valera will in all probability be elected, but it is comforting to know that his party is not likely to have the reins of Government in their hands, seeing that, according to latest advice, they are contending only one-fifth of the seats. The outside world will look on with a vast interest at whatever proceedings will be taken by the Free State Government in dealing with their prisoner. The impression will think of De Valera as he was in those terrible days of the Easter Week of 1916 and that admission of his, amongst others, in 1922, that the gunmen were "entitled in the last resort to prevent the elections" (at that time about to be held) of the bloodshed and the ruin that has followed in his train of leadership, and hope that as one who has lived by the sword, by the sword should he perish. De Valera offers an interesting study to the psychologist. The plain man will only wonder why such wholehearted effort and gifts leadership which De Valera apparently possesses should have been missed and not have been put to the uses which presumably are all wise Providence intended them:

"O liberty! liberty! how many crimes are committed in thy name!"

## Both In The Right.

At a time when there are signs of a revival of keenness among rowing men in the Colony, it is most regrettable that any difference of opinion should have arisen between the executives of the Victoria Recreation Club and the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. The rift in the hut has been caused through an unwitting slur being cast on the status of the V.R.C., as the premier rowing club in the Colony, by the Shanghai Rowing Club having sent a letter to the R.H.Y.C. to invite the V.R.C. to co-operate in sending an interport rowing crew to participate in the Shanghai Autumn Regatta. In the first instance, all trouble might easily have been avoided had the executive of the R.H.Y.C. thanked the Shanghai Committee for the unmerited honour paid their club and pointed out that not only was the V.R.C. the premier rowing club in the Colony but at the Spring Regatta had won the Royals' Flag. Some days, however, were allowed to elapse before the Shanghai invitation was passed on to the V.R.C. committee. The latter, after due consideration, decided quite rightly to stand on their dignity on the grounds that Shanghai had committed a breach of etiquette in not sending an invitation direct to the V.R.C. The R.H.Y.C. committee rather than disappoint Shanghai have accepted the invitation to send a Hongkong crew and have covered themselves by the publication in the press of a promise to give possible competitors—whether members of the R.H.Y.C. or not—every facility to practise under R.H.Y.C. auspices. "Practises," the announcement says, "will be held every evening, and experienced rowing men have promised to give all possible help and guidance to novices." In this connection, it may be stated that any rowing man of possible interport form who is likely to be able to make the trip to Shanghai, will be welcomed at the Royals' club-house any evening for practice. Unfortunately the "incident" is, both committees have put themselves right with their members and the sporting public.

## Debates.

If Lawrence Stern were here he would assure us that they do these things better in London—or elsewhere. Home papers have recently contained accounts of the series of debates held in the London School of Economics, the main object being to assist materially the funds of the London hospitals. A double purpose has been achieved and in addition to self-procured, many hundreds have undoubtedly had a mental stimulus of a high and healthy nature. True, the subjects of debates, between experts and exponents of a distinguished order, have mainly been confined to literary and artistic subjects, but as both are very near to life, their appeal has been wide. We do not know if such an idea is feasible and could be applied to Hongkong. We have objects enough that could benefit from a scheme based somewhat on the London lines. The body which

looks after the excellent work done by the Alice and Affiliated Hospitals has made out a strong case for the provision of a sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis cases, and has given expression to some broad hints regarding the wherewithal to meet the cost of immediate provision and subsequent upkeep. But it is a different matter to find subjects for discussion which would constitute such an attraction that would draw good audiences. In spite of the lack of a Debating Society, a need we have ere this stressed, we have speakers of more or less note—although in some cases it is all note! Business, legal and professional circles have amongst them members who can speak and think aloud and who could give good account of themselves in any discussions decided upon. The London topics were mainly devoted to subjects arising out of books, journalism, theatres, etc., and London being we believe a respectable number of people, big audiences were assured. Here we are not great in numbers, although we number some great ones, and unless, in the event of a series of meetings being arranged, the subjects were either topical or arresting, failure would probably ensue. Others may be able to make suggestions. So far we have only been able to think of a debate between the exponent of the art of "the Gentlest Art," Mr. W. S. Bailey and the Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police, on police provision.

## Today's Poem.

No rose but fades; no glory but must pass;  
No hue but dims; no precious silk but frets.  
Her beauty must go underground the grass,  
Under the long roots of the violets.

O, many glowing beauties Time has hid  
In that dark, blotting box the villain sends.  
He covers over with a coffin-lid  
Mothers and sons, and foes and lovely friends.

Maids that were redly-lipped and comely-skinned,  
Friends that deserved a sweeter bed than clay,  
All are as blossom blowing down the wind,  
Things the old envious villain sweeps away.

And though the mutterer laughs and church bells toll,  
Death brings another April to the soul.

—JOHN MASEFIELD.

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 15.—Coronet Theatre; Katherine MacDonald in "The Notorious Miss Lyle."  
August 17.—18.—World Theatre "White New Sleeps."  
August 17.—Star Theatre; Don G. Merle, the great Society Entertainer and Magician and Barle Williams in "The Silver Car."  
PUBLIC AUCTIONS.  
August 20.—At P.W.D. Offices, eight lots of Crown land at Stubbs Road, 3 p.m.  
August 20.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, an old collection of Postage Stamps (really being broken up), 5.15 p.m.  
August 21.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, "The s.s. 'Chekiang'" now lying at Shamshulpo, 3 p.m.

MEETINGS.  
August 20.—General meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society at St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.  
December 22.—Meeting of Unsecured Creditors of the Hongkong Branch of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, at the City Hall, 3 p.m.

## FOOD SUPPLIES.

## POULTRY PRICES FALLING.

With almost regular supplies coming in from Wuchow now food prices are gradually reaching their old levels. All the river steamers that have arrived this week have brought in shipments of poultry. The only disquieting feature remaining is the added expense the travelling dealers have to incur through levies by bandits and soldiers and higher freights.  
Bee and pork are to be had in normal quantities again as supplies for the Colony are coming in regularly. There should be no reason for exorbitant prices now, unless market stall-holders have made up their minds to profiteer.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Silk shipped by the s.s. "President Madison" which sailed on July 21 last, arrived in New York on August 13, the total time taken in transit being 23 days.

Yesterday afternoon, a Coroner's inquest was held when a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned in connection with the death of a convict who was undergoing a sentence of seven years' hard labour.

During the past two weeks owing to the unusually hot weather in Kowloon, the death rate has risen from an average daily toll of from 25 to 30 to above the 40 mark. Since July 20 the change has been obvious and the increase in mortality is striking, according to Kowloon municipal authorities. The sudden change in temperature is said to account especially for the many deaths among children and aged persons, chiefly among the former, who are dying steadily of dysentery and other disease common among children in the summer months.

Readers who are in the habit of purchasing Macao lottery tickets are warned by the M.C.D. News that forgeries are at present being disposed of in Shanghai. A sample in the possession of the police is that of the Santa Casa de Misericordia de Macao, a fairly good representation of the original but clumsy in important details. The genuine tickets are printed entirely in Portuguese, and are priced at 50 avos, whereas the forgeries have the dates printed in English and the price given as 30 cents. It is scarcely likely that foreigners will be deceived by so faulty an imitation, but doubtless unsuspecting Chinese are helping the swindlers to pay printing expenses.

Peking is a safer place to live in to-day than several years ago, and crime has been steadily on the decrease for the past eight years. This is brought out by the statistics supplied to the Peking Daily News by the Ministry of Justice. The figures show that in 1915 the total number of convicts for that year was 11,410, and last year the number fell to less than half, the figures for 1922 being 5,480. The most notable decrease comes in the penal servitude for limited periods, that of 1915 being 5,272 and that of 1922, 1,909. Many reasons have been suggested for this remarkable decrease in the number of convicts. The efficiency of the police and the detective system is said to come in for a large share of the success.

In view of the prevalence of piracy the Hongkong branch of the China Merchants S.N. Company has written to the head office at Shanghai urging the early adoption of precautionary measures for the protection of their steamers. The proposed measures, according to the Acting Manager, are the installation in the gangways of the ships of grilles or gates similar to those fitted on Canton, Wuchow, Kowloon and other steamers; the employment of guards on board and restricting passengers more luggage than a prescribed amount so as to reduce the chances of smuggling arms on board and gaining access to them without difficulty. It is proposed to allow passengers to have at the most two or three pieces of luggage under their personal care and control, the rest to be kept in a baggage room, the key of which will be in the care of a responsible officer of the vessel.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard, Mrs. K. E. Greig and Mrs. D. J. Lewis returned to the Colony by the "Empress of Australia."

Mr. Ray Tenney, American Consul at Canton, will shortly proceed to Tsingtau, where he will be Consul. Mr. Douglas Jenkins relieves him at Canton.

The forthcoming marriages are announced of Mr. C. J. Endert, banker, of 5 Pratt Building, Kowloon, to Miss J. G. A. Schaback, of Station Hotel, and Mr. A. J. Martin, accountant, to Miss E. M. Craik.

Many friends will learn with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Rose, the mother of Mr. Archibald and Mr. Robert Rose, both well known in Shanghai and China. The former was with his mother in London when she died, death occurring peacefully during sleep. Deep sympathies are expressed to her two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lofting of Shanghai, are proceeding Home. Mr. Lofting went to Shanghai two years ago on special work—quantity surveying for the new Hongkong and Shanghai bank building and this having been completed he has now severed his connection with the builders, Messrs. Trollope & Colls. During his stay there he has become very well-known, not only in connection with business, but in at least equal degree by reason of his literary work.

## POLICE FORCE.

MR. BAILEY'S CHARGES ANSWERED.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

In connection with the letter from Mr. W. S. Bailey which appeared in our columns on Monday, the Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, authorized the following statement for publication in the China Mail:

In view of the fact that civil strife is in existence almost on our borders, it is surprising that things are as quiet as they are in the Colony. It is extraordinary that so many people come here for safety from Canton and its neighbourhood if the risk to life and property is as great as some would have us believe.

With regard to the actual strength of the force:—At this time of the year the force is always 40-50 under strength through men being in hospital. The European staff is below strength, but two men have recently been engaged locally and four recruits arrived from Home last Saturday, while four more are on board the s.s. "Mantua," due here August 25. There is an actual shortage of eleven Europeans. As a rule our European recruits arrive in the autumn, but this year, owing to casualties we are shorter than usual. In consequence, in May twenty recruits were called for, of whom four have already arrived. With regard to "double duties" on patrol my experience with the native police has been most unfortunate with two men on patrol together. I found, as a rule, they both neglected their duty. Putting out "double duties" has not been an unqualified success. "Double duties" were necessary while conditions were very unsettled; but as soon as they became more normal men were sent out singly again.

ON NIGHT PATROL.  
The men doing regular police work and rounds between midnight and daylight are: 23 at Yau-mai; 8 at Hung-hom; 5 Shun-shui-po (shortly to be increased); 8 Kowloon City; 7 Tsim-sha-tui; Central 89.

At Central the following (not including detectives) are engaged on ordinary police work: 18 Europeans; 158 Indians; 70 Chinese; 32 men at No. 8 station. At Tsim-sha-tui there are 11 Europeans on similar duties and 11 at Yau-mai.

If the force was three times its present strength, we could not guarantee immunity from serious crime; it is really a question of keeping the unruly elements in hand. The record, as regards serious crime, is better than this time last year. To arrive at a fair estimate of the ratio between crimes committed and convictions, one must take into consideration the figures for previous years and also make a comparison with police records for other places. The number of convictions is always somewhat disproportionate to the number of crimes.

SOME QUESTIONS.  
The foregoing may be taken as the official view as regards certain statements in Mr. Bailey's letter to the press.

Asked by the China Mail representative whether mounted (horse) patrols might not act as a deterrent to crime in Kowloon, in view of the success achieved in certain cities in China, Mr. Wolfe was not enthusiastic. He expressed himself in favour of night patrols by two Europeans using motor-cycles with side-car. The next question was whether more drastic measures could not be taken to prevent bad characters entering the Colony. The reply was that as Hongkong is a free port it is impossible to prevent bad characters drifting in with the law-abiding traveller. The reporter then suggested that a systematic search for arms should be made of all passengers crossing in the ferries. Mr. Wolfe considered such steps might serve a useful purpose. He also pointed out that searches were invariably conducted after a serious crime had been committed. In conclusion Mr. Wolfe said: "In cases where continued seizures of arms are made on ships, it would tend to lessen the smuggling if the shipping companies could be held legally responsible in the same way as they are under the laws relating to the illegal importation of drugs."

ADDITIONS TO FORCE.  
With reference to the alleged shortage of men at Kowloon, Mr. Wolfe pointed out that the force had been increased by 37 men since the beginning of the year and further increases were arranged for. On the opening of the temporary station in premises rented by the Government at Tai-chi-kok Road, Sam-shui-po, eleven more Indians will be sent over.

On arrival in December of the third contingent of police from Wei-hai-wei, consisting of 60 men, it is proposed to still further strengthen the police in Kowloon. The new stations at Yau-mai and Mongkok should be completed and ready for occupation by October 15. The former station will accommodate 80 men and the latter 40 equivalent to an actual increase of

## BANDITS AGAIN.

TOWN LOOTED AND BURNT.

FOREIGN BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

PRIESTS' FATE UNKNOWN.

HANKOW, August 16.  
Bandits this morning attacked Tsao-shih and burnt down the London Mission Hospital, the foreign quarters and the Catholic Church buildings. They looted the town. Anxiety is felt regarding the two Irish Catholic priests, McHugh and Ward, the only foreigners in the town at the time of the attack. They are at present missing. It is not known whether they were captured or whether they are hiding.  
The Rev. Onley of the London Mission, escaped. He is proceeding to Hankow.  
A Chinese doctor and other London Mission Chinese were captured.  
Two-thirds of the houses in the town were burnt down.  
The local garrison numbering 120 lost, eight killed. The remainder, under an officer marched out of the town. —Reuter.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

BLIND.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—I write to say that I was a passenger by the 8.40 a.m. ferry to Hongkong from Kowloon to-day and while waiting for the ferry I noticed a blind Chinese man come out from the ferry wharf who was trying to find his way about. He had no one to lead him and he just merely was calling out for some of his nationals or clansmen to help him. A motor bus had just arrived, but fortunately the driver pulled up and turned his bus, while the man was still calling for help. I had to call the Sikh policeman on duty to direct the man to the place he wanted to go, and he was led to the railway station, apparently intending to catch the 9.15 train, and without a guide whatsoever. It seems to me that the attendants at either end of the ferry wharves should see that such blind people are not allowed to travel unless they have someone to guide them.

Yours etc.  
KOWLOONITE.  
Hongkong, August 17.

## P.W.D.

NEW DIRECTOR.

Mr. H. T. Creasy, Deputy Director of Public Works in Ceylon, who has been appointed to succeed Mr. T. L. Perkins, who retired on the expiration of his leave, is a passenger from Colombo on board the P. and O. s.s. "Mantua," due here on August 25.  
Mr. Creasy, who is 50 years of age, joined the Ceylon Service in 1897 as district engineer, Colombo. In 1908, he was appointed D.E. at Dadagumura, the following year being promoted as provincial engineer of the North Central Province. In 1913 Mr. Creasy became Assistant Director of Public Works, and acted as deputy Director on two occasions, previous to his appointment to the substantive post in March 1917.

A Chinese male was slightly injured in the left foot through an accidental collision with motor-car No. 718 in Queen's Road West yesterday.

For possession of 228 taels of raw opium at a house in Portland Street, Yau-mai, a Chinese was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

The new station at Mongkok is on the extension of Coronation Road, close to what is known as "old Mongkok village."

With reference to Tsim-sha-tui, one of the districts visited by Mr. W. Bailey on his tour of inspection, Mr. Wolfe stated that another storey was being added to the police station, which should be completed within two months. "When the accommodation is ready, it will be possible still further to increase the police strength in Tsim-sha-tui, the European district of Kowloon," said Mr. Wolfe.

FURTHER SEARCHERS.  
As a proof that the Captain Superintendent of Police is well awake to the fact that more men are necessary, he informed the China Mail representative that the request for further searchers under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance had been sanctioned. The engagement of 15 Chinese searchers, as a temporary measure has been approved by Government. The men will be appointed by order of the Government and recruited from among former policemen and guards.



DESERT DREAMS.

Here on the plains that nurtured  
Barbarous tribes,  
Where Khans of Tartary were  
forced to fall;  
When rule of Chow and all their  
worthy scribes,  
Gave way to Ch'in the builder of  
the Wall.

Bouncing what the Folks are  
thinking now,  
At Home where routine fills the  
daily page;  
Where generations through the  
years allow—  
Connected rounds of friends for  
every age!

Allured by Dame Adventure's  
gentle sway,  
The Gobi Desert only for my bed;  
I think like all who take the rover's  
way,  
And wonder if they mourn me with  
the dead!

I see the bees upon the blooming  
vine,  
Creep in and out the honeysuckle  
flower;  
And hum in tune with dreams that  
once were mine  
To fill the days of youth, each  
golden hour.

I walk adown the lanes I learned  
to love,  
Where chestnut trees in autumn  
shed their hurrs,  
Beneath the leaves that rustled  
from above  
To music of a voice that once was  
Hers.

I wonder if around me with  
Romance,  
The nieces and the nephews weave  
my name;  
As I of those whose absence did  
enthrall  
Their travels. Oh, I hope it is the  
same!

Whilst here enveloped by the screen  
of night,  
'Neath canopy of jewelled indigo;  
And harking of the wild-goose in  
its flight  
To warmer climes before this coming  
snow.

A dog now barks aforn another  
camp,  
I feel the muffled breath of camels  
near;  
The coolies play their cards beneath  
the lamp,  
And thus I ask what comes within  
the year?

II.

I wonder if the lights of Milky  
Way,  
Reflect the souls of all the millions  
spent  
In Asia where the years are but a  
day  
Of history upon this continent:

I slept until once more I was a boy,  
Familiar voices ringing in my ears;  
A dozen school-mates enter to  
amuse—  
With capers as they had in other  
years.

When suddenly I learned that I was  
blind,  
The darkness came upon me un-  
aware;  
But happiness was full—I did not  
mind—  
Came soothing dulcet tones I knew  
were Hers.

And when a loving kiss upon my  
hair,  
And fingers clasped with mine like  
olden days—  
It mattered not were all the Angels  
there,  
Such ecstasy ne'er comes by other  
ways.

I struggled long and hard that I  
might see—  
Add colour to the tones which  
brought me joy—  
When shades of night rolled back  
their canopy  
To show the worried visage of my  
"boy."

The autumn rain has come on us  
at last,  
And beaten long upon my grizzled  
fleece;  
My Caravan is leaving, time has  
passed,  
The dawn now marks the camel's  
measured pace.

The mud is deep and everything is  
wet,  
The coolies dripping adds but to  
their grime;  
Such soggy chilled discomfort here  
and yet—  
Romance it may be called another  
time.

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SHOT HIMSELF.

COURT MARTIAL  
CONFESSION.

LOCAL SOLDIER'S CAREER OF CRIME.

"You may have broken your  
mother's heart but you won't break  
mine."  
Thus grimly, with a twirl of his  
fiercely bristling moustache, did the  
Sergeant Major greet his war-time  
recruits. A Court Martial which  
sat at Murray Barracks this  
morning listened to the story  
of a man who did, on his own  
confession, break his mother's  
heart, and, to judge from what his  
conduct sheet revealed, must have  
come close to breaking his Sergeant  
Major's heart too.

Private William Holstead of the  
King's Regiment was the prisoner  
and the charge against him alleged  
that he wilfully maimed himself in  
order to render himself unfit for  
service, by shooting himself in the  
foot.

Major A. L. Cruickshank, D.S.O.,  
R.G.A., was President of the Court  
and the other members were Capt.  
J. M. Collins, of the King's, and  
Lieut. W. D. Bacon, of the Bom-  
bay Grenadiers. Capt. R. Neville,  
R.M.L.I., attended as an officer  
under instruction and Lieut. C. P.  
Moore, M.C., prosecuted. The pri-  
soner, a youth of 22, was represent-  
ed by Lieut. C. J. Bailey, M.M.

The first witness was Lance-  
Corporal Rigby, of the King's,  
who said that on the night  
of June 20 he commanded the  
night guard at Wellington Barracks  
and the prisoner was one of his  
sentries. About 1.25 a.m. next  
morning he heard rifle shots and,  
rushing out of the guard room,  
found Private Holstead coming to-  
wards the guard room from the  
latrines. The prisoner had a rifle  
in one hand and was leaning against  
the wall for support. Witness went  
to his aid and asked him what he  
had done. Holstead replying: "I've  
shot myself." Witness then help-  
ed him into the guard room and  
sent for the medical orderlies who  
came over with some bandages.

When they took the man's boot off  
witness saw Holstead was injured  
in the right foot.

Lieut. Bailey asked the witness  
whether he noticed anything  
peculiar about the prisoner before  
he was wounded.

"Seemed Rather Flurried,"  
Lance Corporal Rigby replied  
that when the Prisoner Officer came  
around at 12.30 Holstead seemed  
rather flurried. When asked what  
time he went on post the prisoner  
said "half-past eight" at first and  
then "half-past nine." As a matter  
of fact Holstead went on post at  
10.30 p.m.

Lieut. Bailey: Do you think he  
was in a normal state of mind?  
Witness: Yes.  
Questioned by the Court, the  
witness said he heard about three  
or four shots fired. The prisoner  
was not on post at the time.  
Sergeant Dutton, of the King's,  
said he was roused from his sleep by  
the firing of four rifle shots under-  
neath his bunk. Looking out of the  
window he saw a soldier come out  
from the latrine with a rifle in his  
hand. The soldier placed the rifle  
against the wall and put his hand  
against the wall for support. Wit-  
ness then saw the commander of the  
guard come along and assist the  
man to the guard room. Witness  
went down to the guard room and  
saw the prisoner lying on a bed.  
There were three bullet holes  
through his right boot. In com-  
pany with the commander of the  
guard he searched the latrine and  
found three empty "303's,"  
cartridge cases and a freshly made  
hole in the concrete.

Medical Evidence.  
Captain F. K. Tomlinson, of the  
R.A.M.C., who examined the pri-  
soner when he was admitted to the  
military hospital said he found

TYPHOON AGAIN?

NO. 1 SIGNAL UP.

CYCLONIC GALES POSSIBLE.

Hongkong, by the look of it, is  
in for another stormy week-end.  
Typhoon warnings were circulated  
during the week by way of prelude  
to the hoisting of the No. 1 typhoon  
signal at 11.30 this morning. In  
his forecast for the ensuing 24  
hours Mr. Claxton promises us  
nothing more cheerful than:  
"Moderate N. winds at first,  
possibly cyclonic gales later."

The American Consulate-Gen-  
eral is in receipt of two cables  
from the Manila Observatory. The  
first, received at 9.30 this morning,  
reads:

1. Typhoon in about 122° Long.  
E. 19° Lat. N., moving N.W.  
2. Typhoon in about 140° Long.  
E. 17° Lat. N., moving N.  
At 11 o'clock a further cable an-  
nounced a typhoon in about 122°  
Long. E., 21° Lat. N., moving  
W.N.W.

Holstead was suffering from two  
wounds in the right foot. They  
were trivial in nature and appeared  
to be gunshot wounds.

Explaining that he was trying to  
put up a plea of insanity, Lieut.  
Bailey asked whether when he  
examined the prisoner he thought  
Holstead was in a normal state of  
mind.

Captain Tomlinson said he did  
not examine the accused's mental  
condition. Replying to a question  
put by the President, he said the  
wounds might have been self-inflict-  
ed and they might not.

Medical evidence was also given  
by Captain D. Fettes, of the  
R.A.M.C., under whose care  
Holstead was in hospital. None of  
the wounds, he said, was serious.  
In answer to Lieut. Bailey's ques-  
tion, he said that during the first  
week Holstead seemed depressed  
"but not to any appreciable  
extent."

No evidence was offered by the  
prisoner and the Court adjourned to  
consider its finding. Shortly after-  
wards it resumed and evidence of  
character was called for.

The prosecutor furnished a copy  
of the prisoner's conduct sheet  
which disclosed that he was 22 and  
enlisted on February 7, 1919. It  
also revealed that he had previously  
been convicted for, among numerous  
other offences, injuring himself with  
intent to evade duty, stealing a com-  
rade's property, insubordination,  
untidiness and absence without  
leave.

The Reason Why.

Lieut. Bailey presented a written  
statement by the prisoner which  
was put in, he explained, by way of  
mitigation of punishment. Address-  
ed to the President and members of  
the Court, this somewhat remark-  
able document read as follows:—  
"The reason I shot myself is as  
follows:—

"After serving two years in a  
reformatory school I went into  
civilian life to begin afresh. All  
went well until early in 1919 when I  
was out of work and had no money  
to spend. I robbed my parents of  
various things and broke the gas  
meter open and took the cash. My  
parents were sent to prison for this  
and it broke the health of my  
mother, who has never been well  
since. It also preyed on my mind  
so that at times I am hardly  
responsible."

"On the date in question I shot  
myself as I was more depressed  
than usual over the matter. I was  
not in a normal state of mind when  
I committed this offence and  
although I admit doing it I did not  
remember much about it until just  
afterwards."

"I hope you will consider these  
things when passing sentence."  
The Court then closed to con-  
sider its sentence.

COSTLY MATCH.

OILFIELD EXPLOSION  
DEATHS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, August 16.

A match caused an explosion of  
gas in an oilfield at Soebanboero-  
eng, Sumatra.

Three natives were killed and  
considerable damage was done.

AMOK.

TERRIBLE CASE.

A Chinese woman, 26 years of age,  
is believed to have run amok at  
Tai Hang village yesterday. She  
lived at No. 10, Tung Lo Wan with  
relatives, one of whom was a four  
year old boy who was her nephew.  
She is stated to have suddenly  
attacked the boy with a chopper  
and to have inflicted several cut-  
wounds on the child's head and  
body. The boy's mother, in an  
effort to protect her child, was  
bitten in several places. Both  
mother and son were sent to hos-  
pital where on examination the  
boy's injuries were found to be  
serious.

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**STORY OF A CAVEAT.****BRIDEGROOM'S SURPRISE.**

A caveat circulated some months ago by the Registrar-General, to London register offices forbidding the issue of a licence to a young couple on the grounds of minority, scared a prospective bridegroom.

The young man when applying for a licence in a West London office did not know that a caveat had been entered against his proposed former marriage. His particulars were taken by an official who remembered the caveat, and, comparing the names, found that of the bridegroom to be the same, though the name of the bride-elect differed.

When questioned the young man admitted that he was once engaged to the girl named on the caveat, but said the engagement had been broken off. He was surprised to hear of the measures taken to prevent his marriage with his former fiancée.

"We had thought of getting married," he said, "but as we were both under age her parents objected. I did not know they had seen the authorities about it."

"I am afraid that this has made matters rather awkward," he added. "My fiancée knows nothing of my former love affair and I should not like her to know, so I will go elsewhere to marry."

The official pointed out that as he was now over 21 and the prospective bride of full age, it was necessary only to consult his superintendent and the marriage would be all right. "No," said the bridegroom, "I don't think admitting that the caveat has frightened me, and in case my fiancée should get to know we will go elsewhere."

**MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.**

The P. &amp; O. s.s. "Nellie" left London for China and Japan on Aug. 16 at 3 p.m.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Hongkong at 15.45. 8.30 p.m. left Kobe on Aug. 16 at 6 a.m. and is due at Yokohama to day at noon.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Liverpool Maru" (Hamburg Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Aug. 13 afternoon and is expected here on Aug. 20.

The B.F. s.s. "Leontine" for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg left Shanghai on Aug. 14 for this port via Fochow and is due here on Aug. 19. The vessel will be despatched hence on Aug. 20 at 4 p.m.

The B.F. s.s. "Peregrine" left Liverpool on July 21 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Aug. 25.

The C.A. s.s. "Victoria" left here for Sandakan and Australian ports on July 7 being expected here on or about Aug. 27.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports, Shanghai on Aug. 9; is due at Yokohama on Aug. 20 and is expected here on Aug. 27.

The B.F. s.s. "Mentor" left Liverpool on July 27 for Singapore, Hongkong, Meji, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Aug. 31.

The B.F. s.s. "Bellorophon" left Liverpool on Aug. 1 for Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on Sept. 7.

The B.F. s.s. "Meriones" left Liverpool on Aug. 4 for Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on Sept. 8.

The B.L. s.s. "Benledi" from Mid-Jesbury, Antwerp and London left Suez for this port (via Straits, Ports and Manila) on Aug. 10 and may be expected to arrive here on or about Sept. 8.

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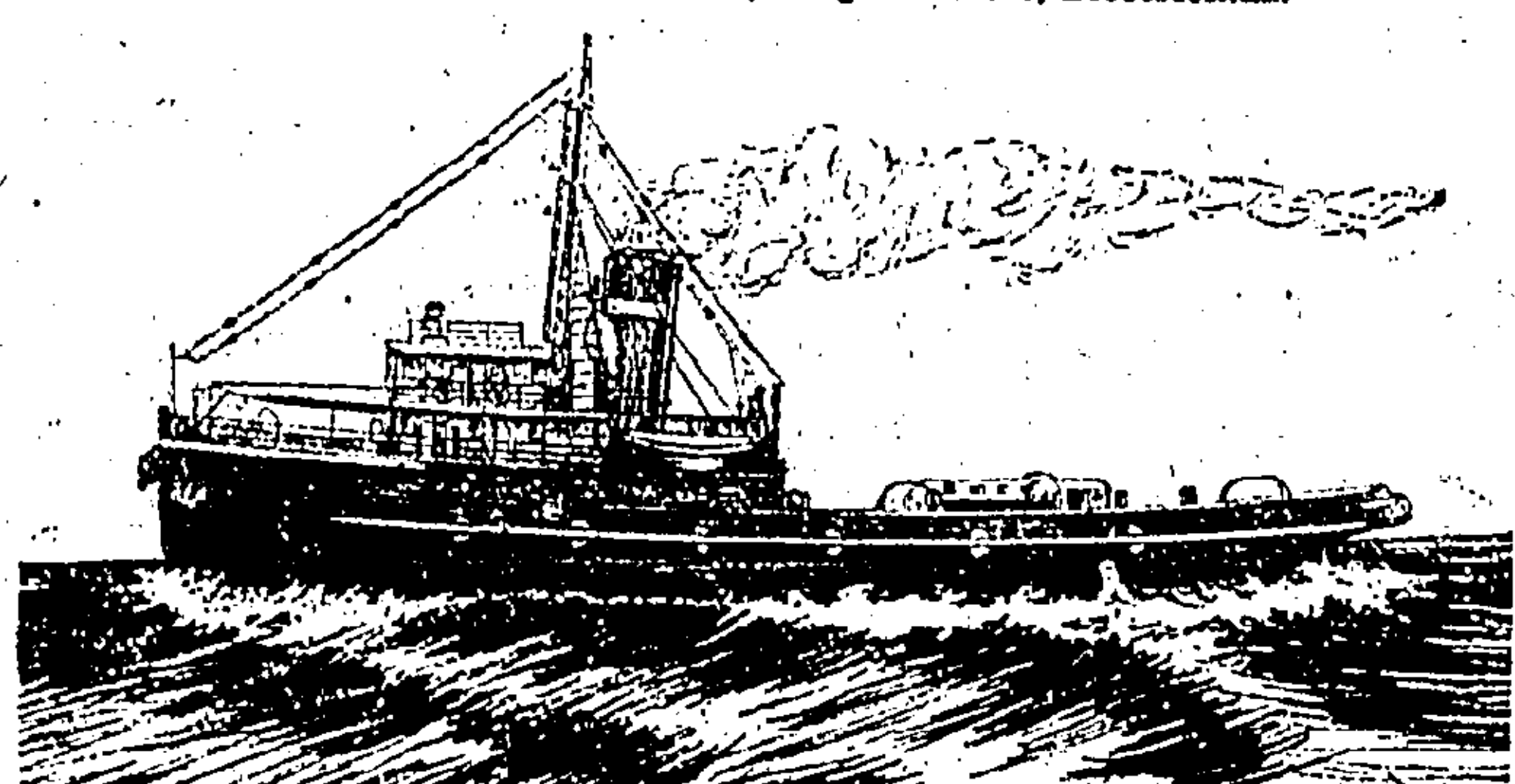
All goods arrived by the s.s. "Benreoch" remaining undelivered after Aug. 21 will be subject to rent. Agents, Gibb, Livingston &amp; Co., Ltd. Goods per s.s. "West Chopaka" undelivered after Aug. 12 will be subject to rent. Agents, Struthers and Barry.

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## MILITARY FOOTBALL

## LEAGUE TO DATE.

Although the league Championship was decided before last week's report was written, this week's fixtures have produced some exciting matches.

Friday was a blank day so far as scoring was concerned. No. 2, Group and No. 10, Platoon and Nos. 2 and 3 platoons playing pointless drawn games.

On Saturday No. 14, Platoon beat No. 16, Platoon by 2 goals to 1; and No. 5 Platoon accounted for No. 12 Platoon by the only goal scored.

An excellent game was witnessed on Saturday afternoon. No. 4 Group obtaining 2 points from No. 1 Group by the only goal of the match.

As however No. 4 Group went down to No. 5 platoon by 3 goals to 1 and No. 1 Group lost the match in the latter part of the week, three teams will have to play off for runners-up medals.

No. 2 Group lost their unbeaten record on Wednesday afternoon going down to No. 14 Platoon in their last match of the season.

The Gunners were handicapped by a severe injury to their centre forward, Lieut. Jones, in the early part of the game but great credit is due to No. 14 platoon for succeeding where every other team of the Battalion failed.

No. 8 Platoon advanced one place in the league through their win over No. 1 Group on Wednesday afternoon. By this win they secured for B Company a chance of obtaining the runners-up medals as No. 5 Platoon are playing well at present.

No. 2 Platoon now appear to be favourites for the "Wooden Spoon" but they have yet to meet No. 8 Platoon.

The platoon football league is as follows:—

## LEAGUE.

TEAMS.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	POINTS.
No. 2 G.	10	15	3	1	42	11	33
No. 4 G.	10	11	4	4	41	18	26
No. 1 G.	10	11	4	4	38	19	26
No. 5 P.	10	11	4	4	36	21	26
No. 10 P.	10	10	5	4	23	15	23
No. 11 P.	10	9	5	5	32	17	23
No. 9 P.	10	10	3	6	31	19	23
No. 14 P.	10	7	7	5	25	10	21
No. 3 P.	10	7	6	6	21	25	20
No. 13 P.	10	6	5	7	19	17	19
No. 1 P.	10	6	7	6	22	20	19
No. 6 P.	10	7	2	9	27	28	16
No. 12 P.	10	4	8	7	15	20	16
No. 3 G.	10	4	10	10	20	33	12
No. 15 P.	10	4	4	10	13	32	12
No. 4 P.	10	3	4	11	20	30	10
No. 7 P.	10	3	4	11	17	31	10
No. 16 P.	10	2	6	9	12	28	10
No. 8 P.	10	4	2	12	14	41	10
No. 2 P.	10	3	4	10	8	30	10

This week's results follow:—

No. 2 G.	0	No. 10 P.	0
No. 2 P.	0	No. 3 P.	0
No. 14 P.	2	No. 16 P.	1
No. 5 P.	1	No. 12 P.	0
No. 4 G.	1	No. 1 G.	0
No. 7 P.	2	No. 3 G.	2
No. 5 P.	3	No. 4 G.	1
No. 3 P.	2	No. 11 P.	0
No. 9 P.	3	No. 4 P.	1
No. 8 P.	1	No. 1 G.	0
No. 14 P.	1	No. 2 G.	0
No. 13 P.	1	No. 1 P.	1
No. 10 P.	1	No. 6 P.	0

Total points obtained by companies towards Battalion Football Cup:—

Headquarter Wing.	100 points.
"C" Company.	87 points.
"D" Company.	62 points.
"B" Company.	62 points.
"A" Company.	59 points.

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## WATER POLO.

TWO GOALKEEPERS KEPT  
BUSY.

(BY ARGUS.)

The two games in the Hongkong Water Polo League, played in the V.R.C. swimming pool last night, were very tame affairs as in neither case were the goalkeepers kept busy for their opponents. As no official referees were present, Staff Sergeant Baigent, R.A.M.C. and Mr. T. Meek kindly undertook the duties. In view of the fact that seven gentlemen have consented to act as official referees, it should be an easy matter to arrange for men to take charge of the different games. I have heard one complaint of a referee being telephoned for at 8.55 p.m. to conduct a game starting at 9 p.m. There is bad management somewhere; and for the sake of players and spectators (not to mention the press) remedial measures are needed.

In the first game, the Kowloon Boys' School Former Pupils' Association defeated the second string of the V.R.C. by six to nil. In the first half, Rasmussen (2) and Jack found the net; in the second, Jack scored the first and Rasmussen the last two points. With the exception of Mackenzie in goal, the defeated team were very weak.

The teams:—  
K. B. S. F. P. A.—Angus (goal); Pearne, A. Duncan (backs); Hyde (half-back); Rasmussen, A. Jack, H. Duncan (forwards).

V. R. C. (B); Mackenzie (goal); Jordan, Urquhart (backs); Hast (half-back); Lopes, Assunciao, Carvalho (forwards).

Referee: Staff-Sergt. Baigent.

The V. R. C. first string were furnished some capital shooting practice in their game with the R.A.M.C., who never showed a trace of their real form. It is true that Capt. Walker, their regular goal-keeper, was absent but a defeat by 12 goals to nil is not the real R.A.M.C. from. With the exception of Miles, on occasion, and Baigent, the R.A.M.C. were decidedly off colour. In the first half, the V.R.C. scored 7 points (Busschaert 6, Stewart 1), adding five more (Busschaert (2) Wicheil, Sewell, Watson one each) before the final whistle sounded.

Teams:—  
R.A.M.C.—Miles (goal); Chilton, Pigott (backs); Baigent (half-back); Tomlinson, Percy, Tidd (forwards).

V.R.C.—Knight (goal); Sewell, Wicheil (backs); Watson (half-back); Stewart, Lyon, Busschaert (forwards).

Referee:—Mr. T. Meek.

## BILLIARDS.

## GARRISON GAMES.

An interesting Billiard Match between teams of six from the Sergeants' Mess and Bn The King's Regiment and the men of the Battalion was played in the Recreation Room, Murray Barracks, on the 15th and 16th inst.

The Sergeants held the lead until the last match when Private Gregory pulled the score round in favour of the Privates, who won by 40 points.

SCORES.	
Sergt. Irvin.	150
Sergt. Smith.	150
RQMS. Tildesley.	109
Sergt. Newton.	150
QOMS. Burnell.	110
Sergt. McMillan.	90
Total.	759

Pte. Cammock.	128
Pte. Valiant.	95
Bdm. Stevens.	150
Pte. Williams.	126
Pte. Ashcroft.	150
Pte. Gregory.	150
Total.	799

Prizes given for the best break on each side were won by Sergt. Smith and Bandman Stevens. Sergeant Smith's break of 35 was the best of the match.

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## THE A.D.C.

PREPARING FOR WINTER  
SEASON.

NEW DEPARTURE.

During its career, extending over a period of many years, the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club has confined its membership to the male sex. This exclusiveness is at last likely to be broken down.

At the annual meeting of the Club, held at the Hongkong Club, the question of inviting a certain number of ladies to become members was raised and with a view to making the Club more popular the newly-elected are seriously thinking of bringing the suggestion into action.

The meeting considered its plan of campaign for the coming Winter season, and shall probably see and hear quite a lot of the proposed activities of the Club during the next few months.

In addition to the probable production of one or two comedies, it is proposed to try and arrange the production of a musical play and also, if possible, a pantomime. The members have not yet decided on the actual plays, and at the present moment the Committee are reading a number of plays with a view to making suitable selections.

The committee elected at the meeting for the ensuing year is as follows: Messrs. J. A. E. Bullock, W. Sinclair, R. Sutherland, W. A. Cornell, J. Robertson, A. N. Lucy and W. A. Hannibal (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.)

## APPRECIATION.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I have very great pleasure in sending you enclosed copy of a letter which I have just received from Prof. Gilbert Grosvenor, President of The National Geographic Society of Washington, United States of America.

The concluding words of this letter are most encouraging, and I expect soon to receive news of the confirmation of any discoveries and findings by the different Scientific Expeditions which are at present labouring in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, Australia and Polynesia (Pacific Islands).

Yours truly,  
THE TAN TAI.  
Hongkong, August 16.

[Copy.]

National Geographic Society,  
Washington, D.C.,  
July 9th, 1935.

Mr. Tan Tui,  
Hongkong.

My Dear Sir,—I wish to thank you for your letter of June 11th, enclosing the clippings from the South China Morning Post. I have read these with much interest, and shall place them in our files for future reference.

May I take this occasion to thank you for your books and pamphlets which have been received and placed in our files. I am sure they will prove of value.

Very truly yours,  
(Sd.) GILBERT GROSVENOR,  
President.

## THE STAR.

MIRTH, MAGIC AND  
MYSTERY.

Don G. Merle, the well-known entertainer and illusionist, opened his season to appreciative houses at the Star Theatre yesterday. Using practically no apparatus, the magician depends almost entirely on clever sleight of hand to carry out his mysteries. Each trick seems more and more mystifying as the performance progresses. The audience were kept in good humour by the entertainer's rapid flow of amusing dialogue, and there was not a single dull moment. It was a clever demonstration of the conjuror's art and an all round high class entertainment with an appeal to both young and old.

The film attraction, "The Silver Car," proved very thrilling. Starring Earle Williams in the leading role it is a story of light political intrigue, full of exciting incidents.

## POLICE BILLIARDS.

## RESULT TO DATE.

The police handicap billiards tournament is drawing to a close. A number of good matches have been staged at the Canteen in Headquarters and one semi-final and the final remain to be played off. Lance-Sergeant Knowles (50) is already in the final having beaten Lance Sergeant Whant in the previous round. Lance Sergeant C. Earnshaw, playing from the back mark of 250, meets Detective Sub-Inspector Field (30) in the other semi-final on Monday when a close finish is anticipated.

## KIDNAPPING.

## HOW IT IS DONE.

ANOTHER LOCAL CASE.

Details of a rather startling nature are revealed in a story which has just come to light concerning the *modus operandi* in kidnapping Hongkong Chinese for ransom.

About a month ago, the son of a Western market fruit-stall owner was decoyed to Canton by a young woman. From the metropolis he was enticed to Sun Tong, in the Tung Kun district where he was kidnapped. A few days after that his father received a demand for \$10,000 ransom but took no heed of it as his son had been a prodigal and he thought that it was merely a ruse on the young man's part to raise funds.

The next episode was another letter which contained the ear of a man. At this the father thought that there was some truth in the demand and negotiations were set on foot. Ultimately a sum of \$4,000 was agreed to but meanwhile, the son had managed to induce his captors to release him on parole. He was accompanied to Hongkong by one of the alleged kidnappers who stayed at the Yick Sang boarding-house. A report was made to the police and this man has been detained pending enquiries.

## BASEBALL.

## JAPANESE VS. CHINESE.

In the Hongkong Baseball League, next Sunday, the Japanese will meet the South China team. On paper the teams are evenly matched. Ishida at short and Hayashi on second are two men of considerable experience.

The line-up for South China will remain as usual with Harry Chin on first, K. F. June on second, June Chin on third, and William Chin, at short. Dick Shin will pitch and Ed. Kong will do the receiving.

The game will be played at Happy Valley, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

INDIANS VS. AMERICANS.  
The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club in their Baseball League match against the Hongkong Baseball Club (Americans) at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow.

C.	O. Ismail
1 B.	S. A. M. Sopher
2 B.	J. S. Curcram
3 B.	J. S. Ackler
S.S.	A. A. Rumjahn
P.	U. M. Omar
R.F.	S. A. Ismail
C.F.	N. B. Kitchell
L.F.	R. M. Omar

A friend tells the following yarn, says a shipping paper writer, I cannot vouch for it; but I am sure it did not happen in connection with any steamship line operating out of Vancouver. Here's the yarn: A traveller on a certain steamer had written to the head office lodging a strong complaint about the presence of vermin in his berth. He received in reply a letter of great offensiveness, assuring him that never had such a complaint been made against any vessel of this scrupulously clean line, and that the management would have suffered any loss rather than cause annoyance to so valued a patron, etc., etc. He was really delighted with the abrupt apology. But just as he was throwing away the envelope, there fell out a slip of paper (doubtless enclosed by mistake) on which was written a memorandum: Send this guy the bed-bug letter. "Captain Kettle" in Harbour and Shipping.

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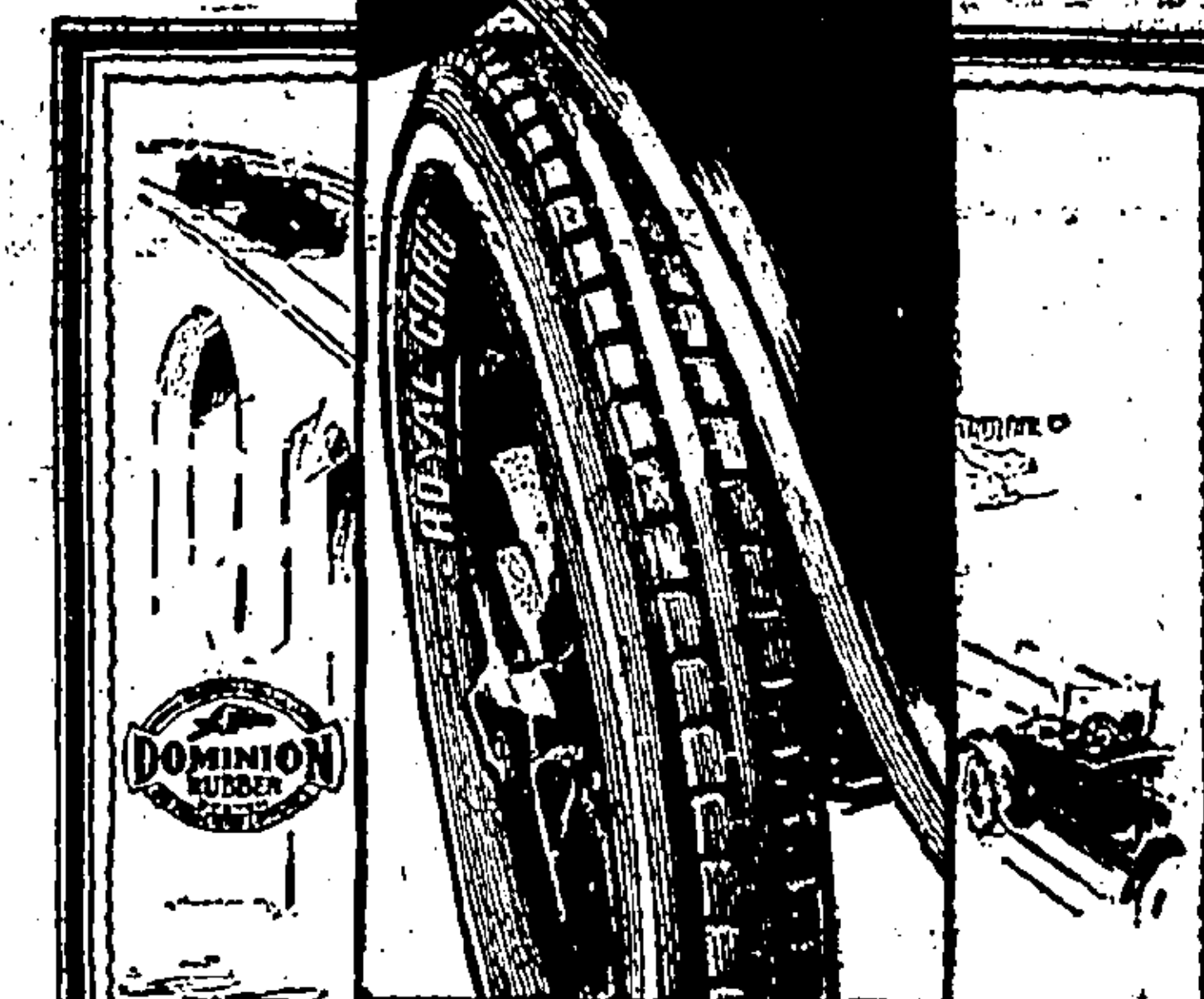
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## CIVIL SERVANT MARRIES.

## THIS MORNING'S WEDDING.

At the Union Church this morning, the marriage took place of Mr. John Alexander Fraser, M.C., Secretary of the Sanitary Board, and Dr. Gladys Turner of the London Missionary Society. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. Baxter, assisted by the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, LL.D., O.B.E., who delivered the address. Mr. S. Collett presided at the organ.

Among the large gathering in the Church besides the bridal party were: The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, Mr. G. R. Sayer, Mr. C. C. Hickling, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Rev. and Mrs. Dewstone and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. D. Coulson.

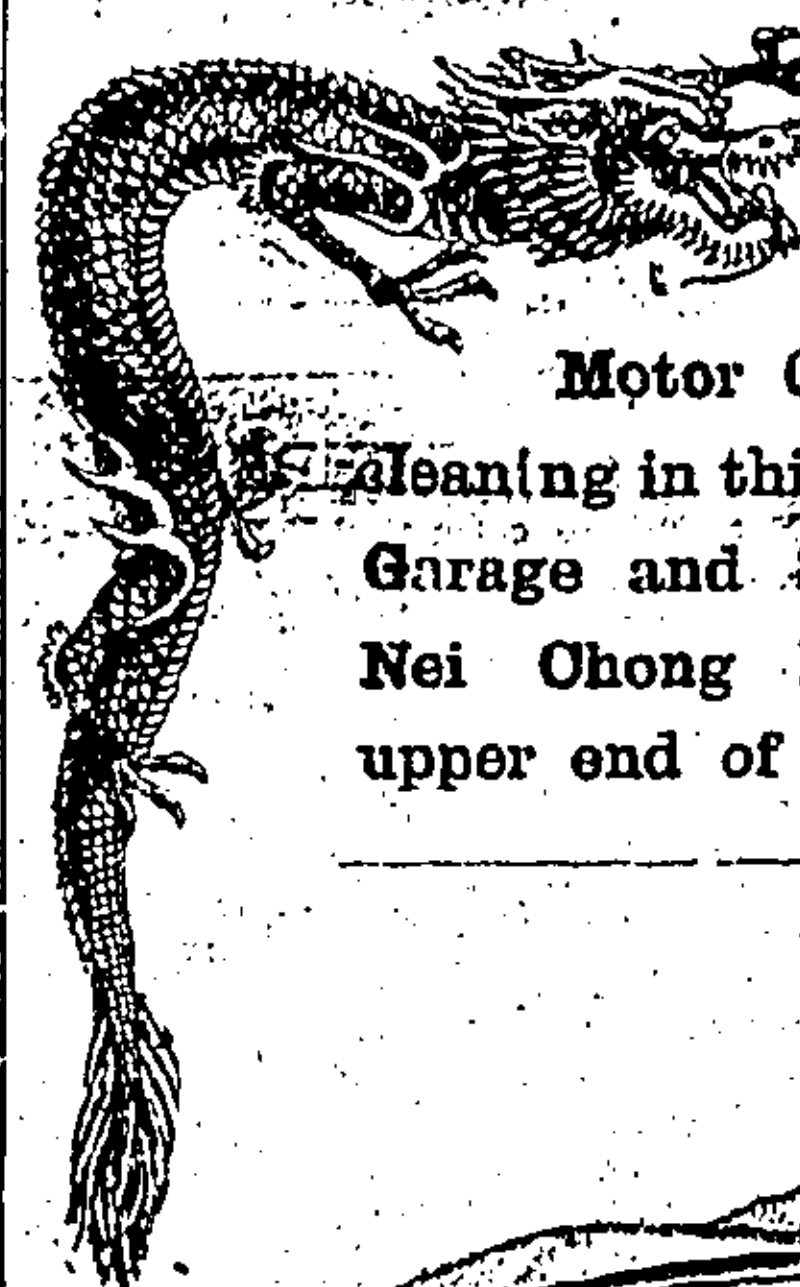
The bride was given away by Dr. R. M. Gibson, while Mr. C. G. Perdue was in attendance on the bridegroom as best man.

At the conclusion of the religious ceremony, an informal reception was held in the Hall attached to the Union Church. The Hon. Mr. Fletcher, in a felicitous speech, proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom, to which Mr. Fraser suitably replied.

The bride's wedding dress was of flowered white silk with veil to match. The newly-married pair left, after the reception and showers of confetti by motor-car for the Douglas wharf to board the steamer for Kullang, where the honeymoon will be spent.

Chinese fishermen are said to be predicting nine typhoons during the year. As we have had four, five are still due.

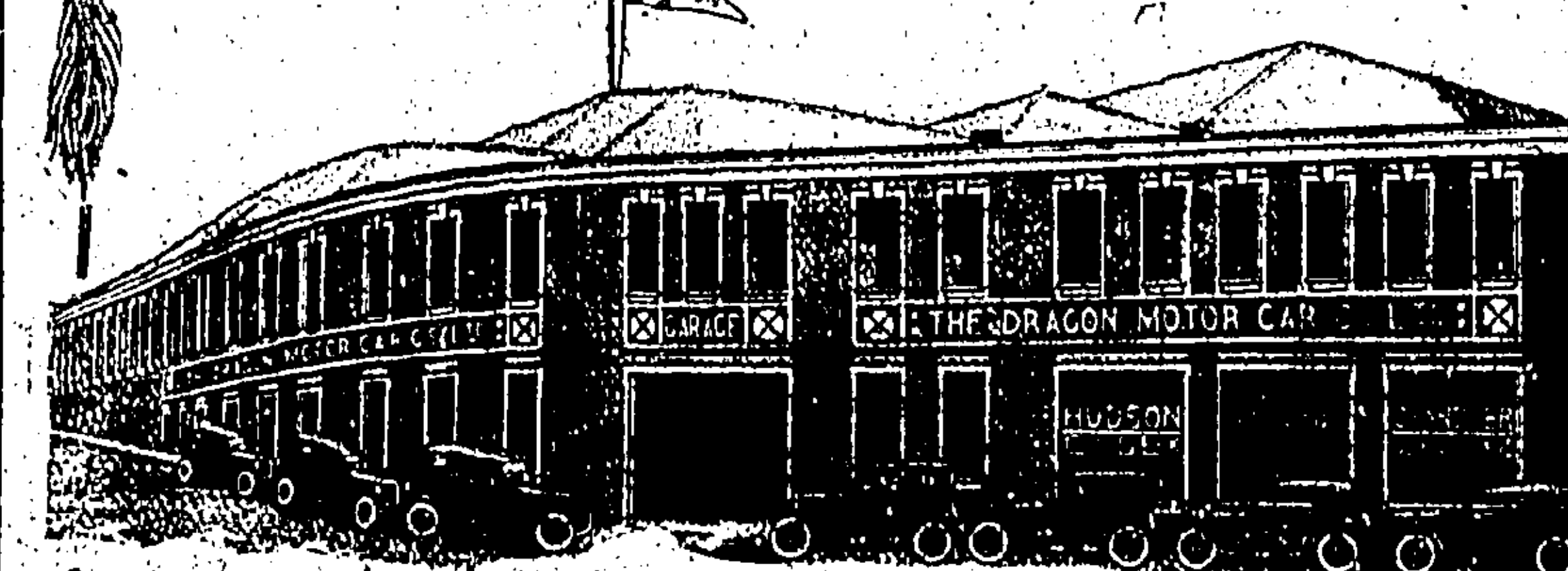
The I.R.C. is to meet the C.R.C. on the Craigengower Cricket Club ground at 4.30 p.m., on Sunday next in the first of the series of replays in the triangular contest to decide the winners of the "B" League.



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Mrs. G. Stanley.

This fine portrait of Mrs. Stanley, daughter of Mme. la General-Tauflich, wife of the well-known French officer, is the work of Paul Chabas, best-known American artist in Paris, who became world-famous for his "September Morn."



Mrs. M.R. Mortimer.

Doris McKee Rankin, formerly wife of Lionel Barrymore, the actor, and for many years his leading lady, has been married to Captain Malcolm Roger Mortimer, English writer, dramatist and war veteran, at Frederick, Maryland. They expect to live on a farm in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Ethel Barrymore. *W.M.*

Ethel Barrymore, one of the most famous of American actresses, has filed suit in Providence, Rhode Island, for a divorce from Russell G. Colt, her multi-millionaire husband, from whom she has been separated since 1920. They have three children. The couple were married in 1909.



Mrs. Charles U. Lind.

Mrs. Charles U. Lind, 20 and pretty, is preparing to sue Stirling Calder, sculptor, for \$200,000. She posed for a sculptured study of her head and shoulders Calder attached the head to a nude figure, posed for by another model, and exhibited it. Her husband saw it, believed she had posed in the nude, left her and has refused to be reconciled.



Mrs. Carl Tucholski.

Mrs. Carl Tucholski, is under arrest on a charge of poisoning her husband, Meteuze Sientekowski, by means of arsenic administered in his food over a period of ten months. She is the mother of six children. Her new husband was also held for further questioning by the police.



Alleging non-support and desertion, Countess, Eleanor Curran Moroni has filed suit against Count Girolamo Moroni, of Mailan, Italy. The Countess, who was a beneficiary under the will of the late Colonel Samuel P. Colt, of the United States Rubber Company, was formerly a telephone operator and later a chorus girl before she became a member of the Colt family.

Mrs. H. Flynn and Mrs. R. Edgar. *W.M.*

Mrs. H. Flynn and Mrs. R. Edgar, chief stewardesses on the United States liner "Leviathan," were the only women permitted to make the trial trip when the big ship broke all speed records. Mrs. Flynn has been a ship stewardess for 22 years and Mrs. Edgar for 11, and when both said the men guests on the "Leviathan" were "the nicest men we ever met, and you can tell their wives," their words ought to have some weight with the lady folk back home.

Strike Committee. *W.M.*

Here are the delegates to the Regional Council of Telephone Operators who are managing the New England telephone girls' strike. In the rear row, left to right, are: Alice K. Gauthier, Margaret B. Hickey, Julia S. O'Connor, President of the Union and leading spirit in the strike; Mary I. Brooks, Alice C. Dineen, Grace M. Croughwell, and Margaret I. Quirk. Front row, left to right: Mae Ross, Kathryn A. Tobin, Eleanor O'Brien, and Margaret L. Sullivan.

G.A. McKinlock. *W.M.*

G. A. McKinlock, rich student, hero of World War, in which he died while leading American troops to victory against the Germans, is the spirit sweetheart of Muriel McCormick, daughter of Harold F. McCormick, and granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller. Miss McCormick never met McKinlock in life, but she and McKinlock's mother daily visit his grave in Lake Forest, near Chicago, and then "communicate" with him through mediums.

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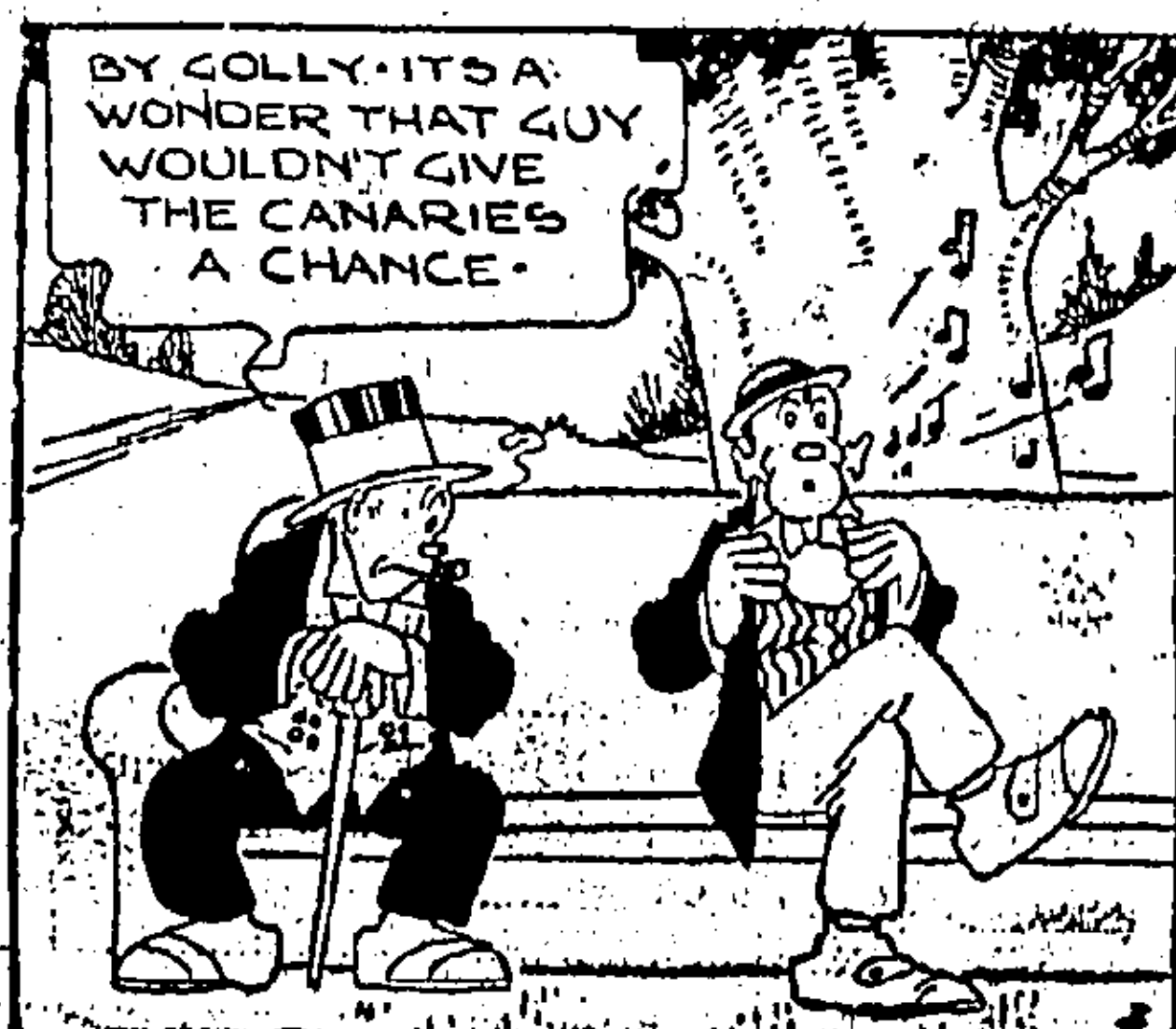
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## ELLIS ISLAND SCANDAL.

LONDON, August 16.  
An outspoken account by Sir Auckland Geddes on the conditions obtaining at Ellis Island is published in the form of a White Paper. The Ambassador's general criticism is that the place is too small, and what additional space is available is useless because it is not ventilated. He says the officials deserve credit for what they do achieve, but still, detention of the island must be a hateful experience for all of any sensibility. Immigrants are handled in wire cages, like prisoners, but this is almost inevitable, though strongly resented by persons of refinement.

Owing to chronic dirt, the place is pervaded by a flat stale smell, quite distinct from the pungent odour of unwhashed humanity. Both are met at Ellis Island. It took Sir Auckland thirty-six hours, after leaving the island, to get rid of the aroma which "flavoured" everything he ate or drank.

The very heart of the tragedy of Ellis Island is in a room of the temporary detention. Such detentions are nobody's fault and are unavoidable unless immigrants are finally approved for admission before they leave their own land. In practice, the present detention arrangement, pending the hearing of appeal against deportation is diabolic.

## STRIKES IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, August 15.  
While the Communist strikes in Berlin are at an end, the situation in the provinces is still precarious, though a collapse of the Communist general strike design is shortly to be expected.

Leipzig, Halle, Trossen, and Hildesheim and Arnstadt are among the places where there has been fighting between the Communists and Nationalists, and the Communists and Police, resulting in many casualties.

Order was restored at Hagen after a few days of rioting and 50 injured.

The Communists failed in an attempt to seize Zeitz. The troops who were in occupation intervened in order to rescue the police.

At Hagen the police has been overpowered by a mob of looters.

Work is at a standstill in Hamburg and Berlin owing to a strike of the dockers.

## ZETZ PRISON STORMED.

BERLIN, August 15.  
A mob stormed the great Zeitz, smashed the doors, opened the cells and liberated all the prisoners.

## UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.

MEXICO CITY, August 15.  
The negotiations lasted for three weeks, the United States representatives departing for Washington immediately in order to submit the records to the administration.

It is believed that Mexico's interpretation of her subsoil, petroleum and agrarian legislation will be acceptable to the United States, and the appointment of an American Ambassador to Mexico will not be long delayed.

## INDIAN WHEAT FORECAST.

CALCUTTA, August 15.  
The final wheat forecast for all India is 30,835,000 tons, calculated to yield 9,811,000 tons.

## REPARATIONS.

PARIS, August 15.  
There is a much quieter tone in Press comments in consequence of the announcement that a detailed report to the British Note will be shortly issued.

The newspapers dwell on the necessity for preserving the Entente, and now express appreciation of the British desire for an agreement. They declare that there is but a small difference between the sum asked by the British and the sum asked by the French under the Spa percentage. This fact should facilitate an understanding.

WASHINGTON, August 15.  
High authorities have expressed surprise regarding the despatches from London, indicating that there is an impression abroad that there has been some modification of the American attitude towards the reparations question. It is pointed out that the statement made on behalf of President Coolidge on August 14 completely reaffirmed the late President Harding's policy.

It is authoritatively declared that the apparent feeling in London, that a welcome change had occurred in the attitude of the Washington Government, is altogether too optimistic. It is pointed out that nothing was said on behalf of Mr. Coolidge indicating the slightest departure from Mr. Hughes's statement, made at New Haven in December.

The American viewpoint will not be determined until the plans abroad have been matured. Any suggestions to the contrary are wholly baseless.

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## PAN-PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

MELBOURNE, August 15.  
Speaking at the Pan-Pacific Science Congress, Dr. Van Tubergen, representing the Dutch East Indies, declared that despite the great increase in the population of Java during the past century, Australia need not fear an overflow of Japanese, who are a home-loving people. He mentioned that the Dutch Government's greatest difficulty had been in inducing part of the surplus population to settle in the fertile valleys of Sumatra and Borneo.

## FOOTBALL.

SYDNEY, August 15.  
In the football match between Sydney M.C.C. and the team of Chinese players from Hongkong, the former won by four goals to two.

LONDON, August 15.  
The match between Clyde and Airdrie ended in a draw of one goal each.

## STEAMER DISASTER.

LONDON, August 15.  
The T.C. of Man steamer "Douglas," when emerging from the docks at Liverpool, collided with the steamer "Artemis" from "Sourabaya." The "Douglas" was cut in half and sank in a few minutes. The crew and passengers were saved, one person being injured.

## UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

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## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

## Banks

The Bank of Canton, Ltd.,  
200, Queen's Road Central.

China Bank, Ltd.,  
4, Duddell Street.

## Building Contractors

Wing On & Co.  
Building Contractors,  
14, D'Aguilar Street. Tel. Cen. 1097

## Coal Merchants

Callan Mining Adm. Co. (S. Duddell & Co.,  
Ltd.), Colliery & Steamship Owners.  
Bittern Coal, Coke, Firebricks.

C. K. Mura & Co.  
4, Connaught Road Central.

Kwong Hong & Co., Coal Merchants  
10, Des Voeux Rd. Cen. Tel. Cen. 3758

Tatani & Co., 5, Queen's Road Central.  
Merchants' Coal Contractors and  
Shipping Agents—Phone Cen. 1543.

## Cotton Yarn Importers

Seah Koochikhi Kalahe  
Importers Cotton Yarn & Piece  
Goods; No. 7, Merchants' Bank  
Building. Tel. Cen. 3774 and 2908

## Curio Dealers

Lock King, Chinese Curios & Silver Ware

## Dentist

Harry Fong, Dentist,  
1st floor, No. 74, Queen's Road  
Central, Tel. Cen. 1153.

## Electrical Suppliers

S. H. Hing Co., Electric Platers and  
Electrical Contractors also Typewriter  
Repairs, 10 Pottinger St. Tel. Cen. 3580

## Engineers &amp; Shipbuilders

W. S. S. & Co., Ltd.  
Engineers & Shipbuilders,  
Kowloon Bay  
New Work & Repairs  
Old Flag "L"

## Fertilizer

Eastern Agricultural Fertilizer Co., 9, Des Voeux St.  
Tel. Cen. 1097 (note agent for the use of Fertilizer)

## Glass Merchants

A. L. & Co., Glass Merchants,  
Furniture, Mirror and Window Glass  
Manufacturers, Electric Plated, Glass  
and Crockery, Wares and Photo  
Supplies, 19, Queen's Road Central,  
Tel. Cen. No. 1219.

## Hotels

Palace Hotel, Kowloon—Corner of  
Hampden & Harkow Roads. Few  
minutes from ferry.

## Importers &amp; Exporters

Chen Bros. & Co., Importers and  
Exporters and Commission Agents,  
Des Voeux Road.

Kwong Sun & Co., 55 Queen's Road  
Central. Ko Chi Chuan (Manager),  
Kwong King Him (Asst.) Tel. Cen. 3169.

Kasada Trading Co.,  
Importers and Exporters,  
NKKO—Japanese Fine Art Curios,  
14, Queen's Road Central, Tel. Cen. 1259

Sam Sing Loong,  
67-69 Queen's Road Central,  
General Storekeepers, Wine & Cigar  
Merchants, General Importers,  
Exporters of Chinese Produce,  
Tel. Cen. 351.

Patell & Co., P. O. Box 316

## Land &amp; Estate Agents

Pan Yick Cho, Land & Estate agents  
Tel. Cen. 911-1097  
35, Queen's Road Central.

## Leather Goods

Sam Sang Suitcase Co.,  
Best makers of Leather Suitcases,  
Hand Bags, Purse, Bells, etc.,  
Pottinger St., 208 Queen's Rd. Ct.  
and 38 Hillier St.

So Hing, 124 Des Voeux Road, Manu-  
facturers of Leather Suitcases, Hand  
Bags, Trunks, etc.

## Merchants

Asia Commercial & Development Co.,  
China Bank Buildings (2nd floor) Tel. 3809

Gibbs, J. & Co., Alexandra Building.

## Millinery

Madame Lily, Alexandra Building.  
Latest models and creations from  
Paris in Frock and Millinery.  
"The Centre of Fashion."

## Miners

China Commercial Co., Ltd.,  
Miners, Importers and Exporters  
44-50 Queen's Road Ct. Tel. Cen. 3282

## Modistes

Madame Fina,  
31, Queen's Road Cen. Tel. Cen. 389.  
(about Parisian Models)

## Optician

The Hongkong Optical Co. Phone 2432.  
53, Queen's Road Central

## Printers

The "China Mail," General Printers,  
Publishers and Bookbinders,  
5, Wyndham Street. Tel. Cen. 22.

## Photographers

Moe Cheung, Photographer,  
25, Des Voeux Street.  
7, Rosconfield Arcade (Branch).  
Developing & Printing undertaken.

## Po Kwong Photo Studio

128, Wellington Street.  
Photo Supplies and Developing.  
Art picture dealer.

## Rubber &amp; Wood

Tankahke & Co., 39 Connaught Rd. W.  
Manufacturers of Rubber Shoes and  
Singapore Wood. Tel. Cen. 4473.

## Scales

Mustard & Co., Connaught Road Ct.

## Ship Chandlers

Chung Fook, 78 Connaught Rd. Ct.  
First floor. Tel. Cen. 643.  
Shipchandler, Stevedores and  
Comprodores.

## E. Hing &amp; Co.

25 Wing Woo Street. Tel. Cen. 1118  
Metal Merchants & Ship Chandlers,  
Managing Director—Mr. H. S. Chiu.

Sun Cheong, Provision Merchant,  
Tel. C. 3761. 66 Praya East, Wanchai

Wang Kee & Co., Shipchandler,  
Comprodores, Stevedores & Coal  
Merchants, Des Voeux & Pilot supply,  
No. 36-37, Connaught Road, Tel.  
Cen. No. 943.

## Shipowners

Man Wing S. S. Co., Ltd.,  
38 Bonham Street West, Tel. Cen. 1710  
Regular Fortnightly Service  
Hongkong and Haiphong via Hoihow  
as "Haitan."

Thal Thuan S. S. Co., Ltd.,  
147 Wing Lok Street, East, Tel. Cen. 93  
s.s. "Dorwin" s.s. "Dorwin"  
between Hongkong and Saigon.

## Shoemakers

Jam Kee, Dealer in Sewing Machines  
and Accessories, Boot & Shoe Maker,  
7 Pottinger Street.

Wong Kee & Co.,  
KIDDS, SHOES & SLIPPERS FOR LADIES, GENTS  
CHILDREN, BEST DESIGNS, PRICES MODERATE.  
7, POTTINGER ST. PHONE 1474.

## Silk Stores

D. Chellaram—Royal Silk Store,  
36a Queen's Road Central, Satin  
Crepes de Chine, Georgette and  
Brocade Silks.

Pohoonmull Bros., 30, Queen's Rd. O.

## Tailors

Hongkong Tailoring Co.,  
Ladies' and Gents' Tailors,  
10, D'Aguilar Street. New Materials  
of all descriptions. Tel. Cen. 3880.

Ah Young, Tailors, Drapers & Out-  
fitters, Hat & Clothing, Suits made  
to order. No. 74, Queen's Road  
Central, Tel. Cen. No. 3999.

Hing Cheung,  
Ladies' and Gents' Tailor,  
24, Wyndham Street, 2nd floor.

## Tobacco &amp; Cigarettes

British American Tobacco Co.  
(China), Ltd., 15-19 Connaught Road.

## Typewriters, Etc.

Mustard & Co., Connaught Road Ct.

## Wine &amp; Spirit Merchants

Kwan Yee, General Storekeeper  
Wine & Spirit Merchant,  
No. 102, Queen's Road Central

## HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been  
compiled at the National Almanac Office  
in London from the result of the accurate  
observations taken by means of an  
automatic tide-recording machine in the  
Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui  
during the years 1905-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with  
the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty  
chart, which has been found to be 4 feet  
below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the  
tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard  
add 3 feet 6 inches, and on the gauge  
at Leimont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet  
6 inches to the height given in the table.

August 14 to 20, 1923.

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Thur. 24 11:17 a.m. 5.8 5:11 a.m. 5.8

Fri. 25 11:17 a.m. 5.8 5:11 a.m. 5.8

Sat. 26 11:17 a.m. 5.8 5:11 a.m. 5.8

Sun. 27 11:17 a.m. 5.8 5:11 a.m. 5.8

Mon. 28 11:17 a.m. 5.8 5:11 a.m. 5.8

Tue. 29 11:17 a.m. 5.8 5:11 a.m. 5.8

Wed. 30 11:17 a.m. 5.8 5:11 a.m. 5.8

Thur. 31 11:17 a.m. 5.8 5:11 a.m. 5.8

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Wed. 6 11:17 a.m. 5.8 5:11 a.m. 5.8

Thur. 7 11:17 a.m. 5.8 5:11 a.m. 5.8

Fri. 8 11:17 a.m. 5.8 5:11 a.m. 5.8

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## WEATHER REPORT.

Aug. 16d. 17h. 22m.—Warning to  
Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—De-  
pression or typhoon of unknown  
intensity within 120 miles of Lat.  
19 N. Long. 125 E., moving N.W.  
Aug. 17d. 10h. 00m.—Warning to  
Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—  
Typhoon within 60 miles of Lat. 21  
N. Long. 125 E., moving W.N.W.  
Aug. 17d. 11h. 25m.—Local signal  
No. 1 hoisted.

Aug. 17d. 11h. 32m.—Pressure  
has decreased considerably over S.  
Formosa and N. Luzon. It has de-  
creased slightly over Kwangtung,  
Indo-China and the Visayas.

At 6 a.m. this morning the western  
typhoon was about 100 miles  
S.E. of Koshun moving rather  
rapidly W.N.W. or W.

Present conditions indicate that  
it will strike the coast between  
Amoy and Hongkong to-morrow  
morning.

The position of the eastern ty-  
phoon is uncertain.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 4 a.m. today, 0.41 inch.  
Total since January 1st, 59.41 inches;  
against an average of 60.19 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at  
noon on August 18, 1923.

1.—Formosa Channel, Cyclonic gales.  
2.—South coast of China, easterly  
breeze, moderate to strong.  
3.—Amoy and Kanton, Moderate N.W.  
winds at first, possibly cyclonic gales  
later fair at first, overcast and rainy  
later.

4.—Franching to Keelung, Moderate  
N. winds at first, possibly cyclonic gales  
later, fair at first, overcast and rainy  
later.

5.—South coast of China between  
Kanton and Hainan, N.W. winds,  
at first, freshening considerably from N.  
later.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY  
HONGKONG.  
DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

AUGUST 17, 1923.—a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Thermometer. Humidity. Direction. Force.

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